

**Notice of Allowability**

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 4/30/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks on page 6-14, filed on April 30, 2007 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-17 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant invention defines an electronic journal preparation system. The prior art of record fails to teach a face image pick-up portion for picking up a face image of a customer by a fixed camera; a card embossed image pick-up portion for picking up a card embossed image from a bank card when said customer inputs said bank card; a customer transaction data image processing portion for forming an image regarding customer transaction data; a journal data synthesizing portion for synthesizing as a single image, a journal data by assembling said face image picked up by said face image pick-up portion, said card embossed image picked up by said card embossed image pick-up portion, and said customer transaction data image picked up by said customer transaction data image processing portion; and a journal data storing portion for storing said journal data synthesized by said journal data synthesizing portion into an electronic recording medium provided in the electronic journal preparation system; picking up a face image of a customer by a fixed camera in an electronic journal preparation system; picking up a card embossed image from a bank card when said customer inputs said bank card; b forming an image of customer transaction data; synthesizing as a single image, said face image, said card embossed image, and said customer transaction data image into journal data; and storing said journal data into an electronic recording medium provided in the electronic journal preparation system as disclosed in claim 4; and an electronic journal preparation system comprising: a face image pick-up portion for picking up a face image of a customer by a fixed camera; a card embossed image pick-up portion for

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reading a card embossed image from a bank card when said customer inputs said bank card; a customer transaction data image processing portion for forming an image regarding customer transaction data; and a journal data synthesizing portion for synthesizing as a single image, a journal data by assembling said face image picked up by said face image pick-up portion, said card embossed image picked up by said card embossed image pick-up portion, and said customer transaction data image picked up by said customer transaction data image processing portion as disclosed in claim 16.

These elements in combination with all of the other elements of the claims are not taught or fairly suggested in the prior art of record. The dependent claims are allowed for the same reasons as disclosed in claims 1, 4 and 16.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shefali D. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7396. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am - 5:00pm (First Friday Off).

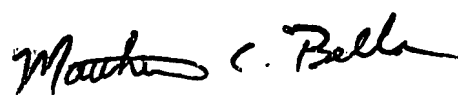
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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